GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:715
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2000
ENCROACHMENT ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION IN HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of monuments/worship places are in danger due to illegal encroachments and illegal construction inside them;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government are aware the various monuments/worship places are being over shadowed by construction of high rise buildings near them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken for the protection of the said monuments worship places?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)&(b) As per available information there are 184 cases of encroachments and unauthorized constructions in and around the centrally protected monuments. Details are given in the Annexure I

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A list is attached as Annexere II.

(e) After observing that high-rise buildings are coming up near the protected monuments and overshadowing them, the Central Government issued Amendment Rules, 1992 under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959 declaring 100 meters area from the protected limits as prohibited for construction and mining purposes and further beyond 200 metres as regulated wherein construction or mining is permissible only after obtaining permission from the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India.

ANNEXURE II

Annexure referred to in reply to part `d ` of Lok Sabha unstarred Question 715 to be replied to on 23.11.2000

LIST OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS/SITES OVERSHADOWED BY HIGH RISE BUILDINGS.

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	Name of monument/sites
1.	Calcutta Circle	(1) Temple of Basauli, Nanoor, (2) Damodar Temple, Suri, Birhum (3) Group of Temple Kalna,Birbhum,
2.	Delhi	(1) Jantar Mantar (2) Ugsarsain-ki-Baoli at Helly Road.
3.	Vadodara.	(1) Shah Alam Mosque, Ahmedabad.